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SUBJECT: 2008 Pennsylvania State Conservation Commission Nutrient Management Conference

Purpose: To announce the opportunity to participate in the 2008 Nutrient Management Conference.

Background: The State Conservation Commission, in cooperation with the PDA, DEP, Penn State Extension and USDA-NRCS, announces the 2008 State Conservation Commission Nutrient Management Conference. All Commercial and Public Certified Specialists, provisional or final, are strongly encouraged to attend.

One of the main meeting topics will be the release of the new computerized spreadsheets for nutrient management planning and developing web based spreadsheets. Other important program issues will be discussed, including exported manure issues, CAFO issues, funding programs, CNMPs, manure irrigation, manure testing, etc. The full agenda will be provided at the conference. The meeting will also provide an excellent opportunity to network with other specialists working in Pennsylvania. As in the past, Nutrient Management Continuing Education Credits (CECs) will be offered to final certified specialists attending the meeting.

This conference is also one of the Continuing Education options for the Nutrient Management category of the Continuing Education Requirements for NRCS Certified Conservation Planners, including Independent Consultants/Technical Service Providers and Conservation District employees certified by NRCS.

The conference is scheduled for July 1, 2008 at the Ag Progress Day's Site, Special Events Building in Rock Springs, PA. Registration begins at 8:30 AM, with sessions running from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

If you are interested in attending, please obtain approval from your supervisor for attendance and overnight travel, if needed. All travel must be approved by the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations. Upon approval, please send your registration form (attached) to Amy Smith c/o PA State Conservation Commission as instructed on the registration form. Due to regulations governing payment for meals when not in travel status, NRCS cannot pay for this registration. Employees may choose to pay the \$20.00 registration fee that covers the cost of lunch and breaks or they may mark on their registration form "NO LUNCH" and bring their own. The registration fee is not reimbursable.

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